

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Fugate S15846

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State of Missouri, County of Monroe

On this 11th day of July A.D. 1842 personally appeared in open Court James Fugate Sr. before the Circuit Court for the County of Monroe and State of Missouri, it being a Court of Record, now sitting, James Fugate a resident of the County of Monroe and State of Missouri aged Eighty Seven years the 29th day of March last – 1842, who first being sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June A.D. 1832.

That he, the said James Fugate, entered the service of the United States under the following named officers.

This declarant was pressed with his wagon and five horses into the service of the United States by the order of Col. Gibson then stationed at Fredricksburg [Fredericksburg] in the State of Virginia. This declarant then being a resident of Frederick County Virginia and was immediately employed in hauling cannon & cannon Ball from Isaac Zeane's [Isaac Zane's] Works in the County of Frederick and State of Virginia and continued in this service and other necessary service as a wagoner for the Army in Virginia for six months – at the end of his service this declarant with his wagon as before stated was ordered to go as a baggage wagon to haul the sick & as a good many of the troops there had the smallpox from Fredericks to New York and this declarant was engaged in this last service from Fredricksburg under the command of Col. Gibson to New York a full tour of six months or making the whole service with the wagon 12 months in the Virginia line – And for this service your declarant obtained a discharge for 12 months from the wagon master of Col. Gibson's Regiment which discharge was placed after my return home in the possession of my Brother Randolph Fugate, of the County of Wythe Virginia. The name of the wagon master I do not now recollect. -- this service as well as I now recollect was rendered not long after the war in Virginia & the South commenced and I think in the year 1777 or 1778. Shortly after the termination of this service this declarant enlisted in the war for two years and after his enlistment he joined Col. Gibson's Regiment of the Virginia line, the name of the recruiting officer from whom this declarant accepted the bounty he does not now remember, this declarant was there commanded by Captain Esom [?Exum], the names of the other officers of Col. Gibson's Regiment I have forgotten – this declarant personally served under this enlistment for six months, and was then taken sick and unable for service and obtained a parole and returned home to the late residence of my Father and when I got back to Frederick County Virginia my Father had moved to Washington County Virginia. This declarant remained unable for service off & on for near a year. This declarant was sent for in order to render the service under the enlistment for two years, but being unable to go this declarant hired a substitute in his place, one certain William Williams of Frederick Cty [County] Va. to serve during the war and this declarant paid him \$200 in cash & a rifle gun and for this service which this declarant has rendered as of no aid in this substitution of the said Williams this applicant received a discharge during the War which discharge was also placed with Randolph Fugate as before stated herein.

This declarant further states that the name of the officer who received Williams as a substitution in place of your declarant was Captain McClanigan or McClanihan at the least a name of that sound – I then after recovering my health went to Washington County Virginia where my Father had moved during my absence.

And shortly after I arrived in Washington County, there was a call for volunteers to march to King's Mountain, and this declarant with about 100 others volunteered under the command of Captain Snoddy¹, I think his name was, John. This company were all horsemen well mounted and formed. The Regiment commanded by Colonel Cloyed [sic, Joseph Cloyd] and on our march to King's Mountain at the Shallow Ford² of the Yadkin River in North Carolina we had a small Battle with about 400 loyalist or Tories and we killed about 80 of them and took the balance prisoners of war and shortly after this Col. Cloyd's Regiment joined Col. Campbell's [William Campbell's] Regiment. We then marched in company with Colonel Campbell to meet Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] at King's Mountain and there we found him ready for the attack and there several Regiments of the American troops joined Col. Campbell at King's Mountain, but the names of all the officers, I do not at this time recollect, but will state all I can: Col. Lacey [Edward Lacey] & Colonel Williams [James Williams] and others were commanders in the action at King's Mountain, Ferguson was the chief British commander in the action and was killed. A considerable number of the British were killed and the balance I think 800 taken prisoners – at the close of this battle, Col. Campbell's Regiment with the Dragoons then [illegible word] to Winchester Virginia, but met with a defeat at Ramsour's Mill in consequence of which we retreated to Moravian Town and remained there some days. The Dragoons then joined Colonel Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] and William Washington upon the Alamance Creek. Here Colonel Lee's forces and the English as well as I now recollect under the command of Fulton or Cornwallis were only separated by Haw River. Here some little skirmishes took place between the two armies but we were ordered from this point to Guilford Court house by General Greene [Nathaniel Greene]. Here both wings of the Army met and here we had a severe battle [March 15, 1781]. Here Col. Campbell [word obscured by ink blots] the officer acted well their part in this battle this declarant's clothing was shot through in several places just touching the skin of the body. In this volunteer campaign this declarant served the full term of six months and also then received his written discharge which was also deposited at his Brother's in Wythe County Virginia, all three of which discharges were left with my Brother and some 20 years after I went to my Brother's for the purpose of getting the discharges but he had been dead for several years before and all the discharges were lost or destroyed so that your declarant was unable to get any of them.

This declarant further states that after he returned to Washington County from the Dragoon Company as before stated, a draft was made on Washington County Virginia where this declarant resided and in consequence of this applicant then having a discharge during the war as before stated he could not be drafted, but one James Crockett of said County who was an Ensign was drafted for six months tour and he agreed to give this declarant a horse & his commission in his place for six months which I did and served out the six months tour as assigned by this Substitution, under Capt. Draper and at the expiration of the six months tour I also received a proper written discharge which was placed at my Brother's as before stated which was lost or destroyed by Him who had the Control of his papers after his Death as the other discharges, thus ended my connection with the glorious struggle for Liberty.

1 Bill Willis advises as follows: "This should be 'John Snoddy', an early settler in Castle's Woods, Washington County. The name is occasionally given as 'Judy', (a corruption associated with oral tradition given by a nephew, William Walker, who was captured by Indians at about age 10, and who gave an accounting of his family years later. He misremembered a number of family names, this being one of them.) The name is also sometimes given as 'Snooddy', as you have it, but I've only seen this in genealogies, and don't know what it was based on. 'Snoddy' is the way the name is usually spelled in records of Washington County.

² The engagement at Shallow Ford actually occurred October 14, 1780, AFTER the Battle of King's Mountain on October 7, 1780.

This declarant further states that after the war was over he left Va. and settled in Bourbon County State of Kentucky & settled there in 1793 and lived in that County & State until 1833 or '4 when he moved to the County of Monroe and State of Missouri where he now resides.

This declarant further states that he does not at this late period know of any one living by whom he can prove his Services as Stated and that all documentary Evidence has been long since lost but he supposes his name will be found on the Virginia Rolls.

This applicant further States that he should not now think of applying for alms to his Country but the decline of life and the Want of means to check his declining years now induces your petitioner to apply to his Country to enjoy the fruits of his toil in her cause, which he has no doubt she will be as willing to give as your declarant was to act in her defense and as he supported her in her infancy, she will support him in old age.

Your declarant further states that he served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority and that he was in the field nearly the whole terms of service except for short stays at the points specified in this declaration, and for the time during which this service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

And this applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any state as witness my hand this 11th day of July A.D. 1842.

This declarant further states that he is very hard of hearing and has not for a number of years attended public worship and therefore has no acquaintance with or sufficiently so, with a Minister of the Gospel in Missouri to be able to obtain a certificate from any Minister of the Gospel but would refer the department to Barton Stone of Illinois, who has been a Preacher of note & long-standing in the State of Kentucky, a writer &c [??] and is now a Preacher of the Gospel.

This declarant further states as to the reason why he has not before now applied for a pension is that he had always determined not to apply unless his situation in life compelled him to do so, and that now at this advanced age of his life he feels the necessity of changing his mind as a matter of necessity on his part, as your applicant now is wholly dependent on his children for support in old age, but something was once said about an application but whether it was sent or not I do not know.

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid in open court.

S/ James Fugate Senr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Fugate Senr.", written in black ink on a light-colored background.

[Caleb Wood and William Armstrong gave a supporting affidavit.]

[The handwriting of the original scribe of this application is particularly challenging and consequently caution must be used in relying upon this transcription.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]